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EMERGENCY DECISIONS EXPECTED

London, Dec. 29. The British Government will probably take emergency decisions in the next few days to deal with the coal shortage, which has already caused some factories to close temporarily and which threatens to cause unemployment of thousands of workers.

A large number of districts are seriously affected and in northwest England some cotton mills have closed.

Shortages are causing anxiety in other industrial areas, where reserves of industrial fuel are running out.

The present coal supply difficulties were not in any sense a surprise, but they have been made worse by continuing fog, which is slowing up the transfer of coal, holiday dislocation, an insufficient number of railway wagons and reported Christmastide absenteeism in some mining areas.

The aim of the Government is to maintain the export drive at all costs and at the same time to avoid a serious collapse of home industries and unnecessary hardships to ordinary householders.—Reuter.

Settlement In India

Calcutta, Dec. 30. In the United Province village of Srirampur, amid "fieckles, Gandhi and Pandit Nehru—spiritual and political leaders of the All-India Congress Party—were yesterday reported to be discussing an issue which may bring about a settlement of Hindu-Muslim differences in the Constitutional Assembly, or lead to renewed and greater communal violence.

Circles close to the leaders say that Nehru was consulting Gandhi whether to accept or reject the British Government statement of Dec. 6, interpreting the Cabinet's proposals for the grouping of provinces in an independent India.

When Nehru leaves Gandhi will start on a walking tour of the riot-affected areas of eastern Bengal, accompanied by two companions. He wishes to go unprotected to prove that "in my heart I have nothing but love and friendship for Moslems," he told a prayer meeting.—Reuter.

ANGLO-U.S. PACT REPORTED Secret Agreement To Be Signed In March?

Economic And Military Clauses

Paris, Dec. 29. The French Socialist newspaper *L'Aurore* asserts today that the recent statement by the Moscow radio spokesman that he had every reason to believe that a secret agreement between the United States and England had been signed was "fundamentally true but a little premature."

The paper purports to give details of an "important secret agreement between Britain and the United States," which, it says, is to be signed in March.

One of the articles of the agreement is said by the paper to envisage a complete combination of financial, economic and military resources of the two countries.

The French paper lists the principal clauses of the agreement as:

"1. The United States and England will lend mutual aid in the event of conflict being declared by a third power.

"2. The two countries will combine all their resources financial, economic and military.

"3. In case of conflict, a supreme command will direct military operations and an economic high command will dispose of resources of the two countries to the best mutual advantage.

"4. The United States and England agree not to provoke any foreign power. The agree-

Monty's Part

Paris, Dec. 30. The United States and Great Britain are preparing a mutual assistance alliance for reaching financial and military scope, the slightly right to centre newspaper *Aurore* reported on Monday.

According to this newspaper, edited by Radical Socialist Paul Baudin, the alliance pledges both nations to pool their economic and military resources in case of attack by any third power. It will be signed in Washington on March 16, the paper added.

The accord, linking the Empire and the United States in the fashion first suggested by former Prime Minister Winston Churchill in his Fulton, Missouri speech, was first projected, the paper said, by Field Marshal Viscount Montgomery and his wartime Commander-in-Chief, General Eisenhower, now American Chief of Staff.

During the Paris Peace Conference the accord was taken up by Foreign Secretary Ernest Bevin and Secretary James F. Byrnes and extended to include an economic entente, the paper said, adding that Bevin pursued this with President Truman in a four-hour private conversation during the recent sessions of the Foreign Ministers Council in America.

First reaction to the committee's document came from the retiring chairman of the House Foreign Affairs Committee, who told reporters that the committee should have submitted its evidence, "if it had any" to the State and War Departments for investigation, and contended that the report would do "far more harm than good in current diplomatic negotiations."

As a result of the Truman-Bever conversation, the paper said, an accord was reached to take effect on March 15.—Associated Press.

Shannon Airport Disaster

Nanking, Dec. 30. President Chiang Kai-shek will broadcast to the nation at 8 p.m. on New Year's Eve over the network of the Central Broadcasting Administration.

The broadcast will be carried on both the long wave and short wave network.—Central News.

CZECHS OFFEND PRIMATE

Budapest, Dec. 30. The Hungarian Roman Catholic Primate, Cardinal Mindszenty, has cancelled his visit to Czechoslovakia because the Czechoslovak authorities were said to have declared that he could enter the country only if he confined his activities to church matters.

French engineers taking advantage of the lull in fighting, re-established the electric power in several French controlled sections of battered Hanoi.

The central power station was put out of commission recently by the Viet Namese forces.

French troops continued mopping up operations here and the Viet Namese continued sporadic shelling after dark.

The Primate stated recently that he wanted to go Czechoslovakia to contact the Czechoslovak church in the interests of "persecuted" Hungarians in Czechoslovakia.—Reuter.

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Count Your Blessings

London, Dec. 29. The British people's task in 1947 was the restoration of prosperity and wealth in Britain, declared General Sir William Slim, who commanded the 14th Army in Burma, advising listeners to his talk over the B.B.C. tonight "to count your blessings. There is no need to be depressed."

Britain's comparative poverty need not be permanent, he said, and as far as vulnerability to attack was concerned, he doubted if any nation would now provoke a major war.

The essential need for 1947 was for Britain to produce more—and an extra effort would do that.

"We would have the satisfaction of a job well done—a satisfaction quite apart from profit or wages," he added.

"We are still the same British people with all that means in matured political and commercial wisdom, in scientific and industrial skill, in energy, initiative and above all in cheerful stubborn courage."

"We have much to be proud of in the past and nothing to be despondent about in the future. This old country, of course, has for hundreds of years led the world in its advance to ordered freedom—and it still leads. It has much to give to mankind in the future as it had in the past."

"It's example and influence are needed more than ever they were."—Reuter.

More than 70 men and women, a large number of them villagers from the New Territories, were detained in the courtroom at Kowloon Magistrate yesterday following the Court's rising when a 10th adjournment for police inquiries prior to committal proceedings was granted in a case in which four villagers of Sai Kung district are charged with conspiracy to murder.

LONDON FOG-BOUND

London, Dec. 29. A fog belt completely enveloped Britain tonight east of a line drawn from Staffordshire to Berkshire and also affected parts of south and southeast England.

London and an area 40 kilometres around the city was at one time completely fog-bound, with visibility in parts down to nil. Later, the fog showed signs in places of clearing.

Trains were running late into London terminal.

The fog has also affected road and air traffic.—Reuter.

Arson At London Synagogue

London, Dec. 30. Strict secrecy is being maintained concerning precautions to stop arson attempts on London synagogues, following a second attempt today to burn a synagogue this time at Doll's Hill in northwest London.

"Any precautions taken by Scotland Yard would be negated by police officers told Reuter today.

Police officers were rushed to Doll's Hill synagogue this morning when it was found that the synagogue had been entered through a small window at the side and an attempt was made to burn it down.

Fire brigade officials said that the fire was of "doubtful origin."

Outside the main entrance of the synagogue were chalked the words: "You whip—we burn."

A well-informed Jewish spokesman believed that the latest attempt was made by the same people who desecrated the Jewish scriptures at the Clapton-on-Sea synagogue in East London two weeks ago.

Conditions were almost the same as when the incident occurred in Clapton—a thick dense fog, he said.

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Demonstration In Liverpool Church

Liverpool, Dec. 29. The Bishop of Liverpool, Dr. A. Clifford Martin, was shouted down by the National Union of Protestant demonstrators protesting against the celebration of High Mass when he attempted to preach at St. John the Baptist's Church, West Derby, Liverpool, this morning.

The Bishop had walked to the pulpit and was about to announce the text when a demonstrator stood up and shouted: "My Lord Bishop, we reprove you for allowing High Mass to be celebrated in this parish church. We protest most strongly against this illegal practice."

The Bishop replied: "This sort of behaviour will do you no good, my friend."

The demonstrators chanted "We won't have Mass" and the Bishop's voice was lost in the uproar.

As the clergy and choir were moving out of the church at the end of the service, demonstrators ran from their seats showering the Bishop and the procession with leaflets and shouting slogans.

Detectives took the names of a number of demonstrators as they were leaving.

Mr. M. A. Perkins, Secretary of the National Union of Protestants, said later: "This is the beginning of an intense campaign we have planned for Merseyside. This particular church is the most extreme Anglo-Catholic Church in the city. We intend to follow the Bishop around in future whenever he attends church where an illegal form of Roman Catholic Mass is regularly celebrated."

Drastic Brisbane Recommendation

Church of England members who do not worship regularly may be refused church privileges, including marriage, baptism and burial, if recommendations now under consideration by the Right Reverend Reginald Charles Hulse, Archbishop of Brisbane, are accepted by Queensland clergy.

Clothes had to be cut off some of the bodies to permit of a medical examination being made. The bodies will be removed to America when 12 special caskets arrive from Dublin, where they have been manufactured.—Reuter.

The proposals are made in a

Executions Of Allied Prisoners

Tokyo, Dec. 30. After the capture of Molucca, 250 miles west of New Guinea, Allied prisoners were set out of their cages, marched to the forest and either beheaded or killed by Japanese bayonets, according to evidence at the Tokyo war crimes trial today.

"The weapons used for execution were mostly Japanese swords but bayonets were also used," said the affidavit from a Japanese warrant officer, Shigen Mananishi. He added: "I saw the execution up to the 27th or 28th man."

The Australian prosecutor, Lieutenant Colonel T. F. Morane, introduced a series of sworn statements by Japanese who either witnessed or participated in atrocities against Allied POWs.

At one camp, according to an affidavit from Commander Kunio Matsukawa, an Admiral in the Japanese Navy, issued orders for the execution of 20 prisoners out of 250 in the camp at Ambon Island as a warning against misbehaviour. They were beheaded or bayoneted.

Morane also placed on the witness stand an Australian Lieutenant, John Ban Nooten, to test

No Rights

Ban Nooten said the camps were unmarked and were bombed by Allied planes, causing many casualties. On one occasion prisoners raised the Red Cross flag, but the Japanese ordered it down and witness tersely added "this order was enforced."

Witness said prisoners were forced to work on Japanese military installations and also made to unload bombs, ammunition and other supplies from Japanese ships.

He said that by July, 1945, more than 90 prisoners were dying as a result of the starvation diet.

The Japanese told Ban Nooten that as a POW he had no rights.—United Press.

THE WEATHER

A weak anticyclone is moving eastward across south Japan, leaving an area of moderately high pressure over north China. Pressure remains low in the NE of Japan and over the equatorial regions.

Today's Forecast: Moderate east winds, cloudy, with bright intervals, during the day, warmer.

Yesterday's Weather: Maximum 61.0 deg. F., Minimum 52.2 deg. F., Max. Rel. Humidity 100 per cent.

Sunshine 70 hours. Rainfall: 0.00 in.

Tribute To Mr. S.A. Gray

Mr. S. A. Gray, who has just relinquished the post of Press Relations Officer for the Hong Kong Government and is rejoicing the "Hong Kong Telegraph" as its Editor, was yesterday presented with a cheque by the foreign newspapers and news agencies as a tribute to his work as P.R.O.

Making the presentation at a small gathering at the Gloucester, Mr. W. J. Kent said, in part:

We are met here this morning to carry out what I might term a very pleasant duty, namely, to mark our appreciation of a good job well done.

As you all know, Mr. Gray has just ceased to function as the Government's P.R.O., having completed almost exactly a year in that office, and it is a year upon which he can look back with every sense of satisfaction.

I am not proposing to attempt any higher praise, as Mr. Gray is so well known to us all. It is tribute enough, perhaps, that we all have felt that such an occasion could not be allowed to pass without expressing our thanks and congratulations in a form a trifle more tangible than mere words.

Replying, Mr. Gray expressed his keen appreciation and said that his work as P.R.O. had been both interesting and instructive. He had not perhaps been able entirely to obtain the same facilities and access to information as in B.M.A. days; but he felt sure that the office of P.R.O. would, in the future, prove, as in the past, a most valuable point of liaison between the administration and the public of Hong Kong.

Film Review

For a B-class "quickie" the 19th Century Fox pictures—"Doll Face" (showing till the middle of the week at the Queen's) isn't all bad. With an obviously limited budget and stars scarcely on the top-line—except perhaps Vivian Blaine—the director realising his limits and not exceeding saw the tortures described.

No Medical Treatment

In addition to some 30 political prisoners, there were also 20 odd cases of larceny and looting. Political prisoners were more severely tortured than other cases.

Not only were there no arrangements for the medical treatment of prisoners, but on one occasion when a British Officer, Major James Smith, was there, Law said his request for medicine for this Officer was refused. This Officer was in a half-starving condition and he was suffering from dysentery or typhoid.

Prisoners were given about four ounces of rice with a pinch of salt. The rice was of very bad quality. When he could get it, Law said that he ate three times that amount of rice.

Cross-examined, Law said that he was firmly convinced that all the political cases were innocent. Very often people were arrested because of personal grudges.

We've seen it all before and probably liked it, so "Doll Face" should get by with the rest. A surprise comes from a new face, Perry Como, but a most familiar voice. This newcomer sings with almost every tone and inflection of Bing Crosby, which probably only goes to prove that out of the millions who think they can sing like Crosby, there is at least one who can. Also around in this film at odd moments is Carmen Miranda ... I say no more.

"Doll Face" succeeds because it doesn't do very much—largely because it is one of the many pictures on the cheap' which go for every "Super-epic" and from which Hollywood makes most of its money. With an economy of scenes and one would suspect, costume material "Doll Face" does very well and will be a treat for those who like their entertainment n-la-Windmill."

HOGMANAY AT JARDINE'S

Hogmanay is to be celebrated by Jardine's at the East Point Godown, to-night, with a supper and dance to which a large number of guests have been invited, commencing at 11 p.m. At midnight, marking the turn of the year, Jardine's old gun will be fired, for the first time for several years.

The forthcoming marriage are announced of Mr. Ricardo Maria Velra-Biblio, 38, Robinson Road, and Miss Leonora Maria Nunes, 220, Nathan Road, and of Mr. Alexander Edward Gutierrez, 172, Prince Edward Road, and Miss Leonta Margaret Allen, of the same address.

NOMA TRIAL TESTIMONY

Europeans On Foul Conditions In Cells

Executions In King's Park

Herbert Charles Dixon, formerly serving as a Lieutenant in the R.N.Z.N.V.R., said in his statement which was read out at the War Crimes Trial of Colonel Nomia yesterday that prisoners were detained in filthy cells, covered with excreta of previous occupants, not allowed to wash and kept without food in order that their state of morale be reduced as low as possible.

Mr. Dixon also said that one of the tricks designed by the Japanese to make prisoners talk was for some of the guards to get in the adjoining cells and yell, groan and scream as if prisoners were being tortured.

Jerome Edward Law said that in May 1944, he went with Dr. Oloint de Souza as interpreter to the Kowloon City Gendarmerie with a view to getting a permit for Dr. Souza to take his medicines over to Macao.

As a result, he was pressed into the service of the Gendarmerie as Interpreter. He had no choice in the matter. He was there for about three months and had many opportunities of witnessing interrogations.

Law said he felt that the Japanese considered it essential for the success of their war effort to have a submissive and subdued population. To instill fear into the hearts of the people, the Gendarmerie had recourse to indiscriminate and wholesale arrests.

The object of interrogations was to make an accused person confess to the charges made against him. To obtain these confessions, Gendarmerie invariably had recourse to torture, which took the form of beatings with poles and electric wires as well as the aeroplane and the water torture. Other forms of torture were to starve the accused persons by giving them poor food, insufficient at that, and to throw them into cells which were unswept and insanitary, leaving them there weeks on end without questioning. Law said that he actually saw the tortures described.

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EXCHANGE CONTROL

The assumption that an appreciable relaxation of exchange control regulations would follow the release of American Loan funds is clearly disappointed by the Exchange Control Bill now under examination by the Commons which continues indefinitely wartime controls. Actually, few would suggest that the measure is, in present circumstances, superfluous. The exchange value of a currency was formerly adjusted by reference to two considerations, the first material and the second psychological. The material test was how far exports paid for imports, or, in other words, what was the relation between demand for and offerings of currency. The psychological test was the balance of opinion abroad upon whether Government policy, the condition of industry, and all other relevant factors led to the conclusion that a country could and would pay its way. In short, the internal value and prospects of a currency were not without effects on its exchange value, as the crisis of 1931 showed very clearly. Today the exchange value of sterling to which the Hong Kong dollar is effectively tied, is purely artificial. If left to itself it would be lower than it is in those countries to which Britain wants to sell most, and higher than it is in those war devastated countries whose currencies are "softer" than our own and who, at present, want imports for which they cannot pay by exports. The danger to the exchange value of sterling in hard currency countries would be even greater than it is but for the American and Canadian credits. But they are only a shock absorber, and it is still most uncertain whether, by the time they expire, our exports to hard currency countries will balance our essential imports from them. Moreover, Britain will shortly be bound to make sterling on current transactions convertible into any currency which any foreign creditor demands. That provision, and such events as the Anglo-American agreement on Germany, seem fated to increase British requirements of hard currency. Mr. Dalton's conclusion from these facts is that exchange control must be "eternal." Though foreign visitors to the British Isles will be less harassed, there is nothing in the indications of a "sweetly reasonable" administration which the Chancellor has given to change the fact that every activity in or towards hard currency countries, whether for personal, commercial or national reasons, will be subject to Treasury control. Finally, of course, control is not substitute for essential soundness in exchange or in anything else. For example, if the United States will not take or cannot get British exports, exchange control will not get wheat. Admittedly Britain's present economic position is not sound. That is the excuse for the Bill; but it is not necessarily a permanent excuse. Neither pessimism nor an obsession for Government planning, such as may well explain why the Bill is made permanent, should cause us to give up hope that one day our recovery will be so complete that the pound can look the dollar or any other currency in the face without the aid of any make-up.

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THE FAR AWAY LAND

Your newspaper, being an open forum will no doubt be interested in the various views of the Community. Some views on certain subjects, may be sound and well informed; others not so.

It is with this idea in mind that I pen these lines. Many living on this once happy Island, were prepared to live and die for it; many unfortunately did. Others suffered terribly right from the very beginning of our capitulation, because of their beliefs. Many were there who took a Rationalist view of things and turned the opportunity to profit, and these have waxed fat.

However, many who write about the Far East and its worries, travel through on a guide book from a comfortable armchair. There are those who from their high altitude, mixing socially on high plane, where everyone is on his or her best behaviour, become deluded into believing that they have discovered the true beating heart of China. There are still others whose Amas, are for them, infallible propagandists, of all China's ills, political and otherwise, getting their information straight from the horse's mouth as it were. There are foreigners who have lived, laughed, sorrowed and suffered with the Chinese, not for a few months or years, but over decades; I myself have been with them for twenty six years.

Crocodile Tears

These are the people who can sense what is wrong, but, very few of whom have the ability or inclination to write and advertise their knowledge. It is they who know that those crocodile tears shed over China's dole not delude for one moment and are merely translated as self interest, by the Chinese themselves.

Much water has passed under the bridges of China since the days of Hongkong's capitulation. Many ideas have changed, except one. Mistrust of the Foreign Devil; impossible to eradicate, except where Chinese realise that the individual is not activated by motives of self interest. It is then and then only that they will unburden themselves and leave the common people to work out their own salvation as they are well able to.

To seek the future, one must delve into the past. Let us go back to the days of 1920.

China was then an agrarian Nation. She was in the happy position of having a sound silver currency on par with that of Hongkong. In terms of sterling, it had a high value. Perusal of exchange rates of those days will confirm the truth of this.

Food was plentiful, and wages low, yet today, it is exactly the opposite ... why? Peace reigned throughout the Land, and all were working.

The rights or wrongs of the political emancipators of those days do not concern us, except to give a rough dispassionate outline of what followed.

The Country then was in the hands of the War Lords or Tchuchs. Some of these ruled wisely yet firmly, others were not so scrupulous. National prestige was, at a low ebb. Proceeding abroad, proud citizens of the Middle Kingdom felt it keenly.

Appeal To Russia

The Country must be united. It took some time to encompass, for none of the Nations with interests in China would ever help in terms of sinews of war and a war chest. They had entered into a Nine Power Pact, which might obviate any of the signatories seeking to advance their own personal interests at the expense of the other signatories.

Then was the appeal made to Russia. This Nation, having overthrown the Tsar and all his works, had no scruples about interfering. They had grandiose ideas of a world-wide Union of Soviet Republics radiating from Moscow, which was to be the hub of Soviet Nations.

They poured in arms, men, Borodin and Galen, and also a sizeable war chest. This left the world agast, but, impotent after an exhausting war, there was nothing they could do about it. Japan would not move, for she had been rebuffed after her untimely presentation of her now called infamous Twenty One Demands. Yet, she was the only Nation strong enough to prevent it.

Conservative and aloof, Hongkong watched those sinews of war pass round her territorial waters and right up the Pearl River, where they were landed for the first attack upon Canton and the ousting of the first War Lord.

GERMANY'S OLDEST JEWS

Berlin, Dec. 20.

Representatives of the French Military Government, UNRRA, the German Association of Victims of Fascism and the Berlin Municipal Council, personally, called with good wishes for Germany's two oldest Jews who celebrated their birthday in a Berlin home for the aged yesterday.

They are Philip Falkenstein, a 98-year-old glazier, and Dora Lachman, an 89-year-old widow. Both spent three years in concentration camp—Reuter

The former feudalistic regime, gradually underwent a change. A new law had arisen ... Communism. The people were taught the benefit of this new law. But socialism has never quite meant to practical Chinese what it meant to the thought-to-be decadent Democracies.

Japan felt the need for expansion, right there and then. Political manouevres and inclinations ranged her alongside the Axis Powers whose stars were in the ascendency, in preference to the thought-to-be Foreigner.

Family Circle

In China, charity begins at home. The only true socialism being the family circle, in which all share what they have, or did until the foreigner came along with his disruptive ideas. War broke out ... hardly war, but internecine massacre, for ignorant peasants armed with antiquated weapons were mowed down by Russian Foreigners.

By R.E. STOTT

machine gunners straight from the Western Front and the Communist Revolution in Russia. Hard, experienced, ruthless fighters.

From that day onwards, there has been a steady deterioration in China's economy. Civil war raged from one end to another of this vast Country. People were taxed to the utmost to provide for huge armies and further war supplies furnished their Leaders by Merchants of Death hovering ghoul-like in adjoining Concessions, eager to dispose of surplus stocks from the battlefields of Europe. Hailley days to all except those unfortunate dead in the path of those struggling armies.

That war has continued without interruption in one form or other, to this very day. The present phase is merely an aftermath of that legacy left by the Canton Commune ... anism that dies hard when viewing the activities of self-centred, self seeking opportunists, who still put self, family and personal advancement before all else though endlessly prating of Unity, Patriotism and Equality for all. A spate of literature, speeches and exhortations which leave the practical Chinese people cold and deaf in lack of concrete practical achievements that might end this seemingly endless war and leave the common people to work out their own salvation as they are well able to.

Face'

Lack of vision and the desire of all Chinese to boost their prestige, which they term "Face" was the underlying cause of the strike and boycott of Hongkong early on in this gigantic struggle of brother against brother.

It was no wonder that under these conditions, the internal economy of the Country was upset, and the shrinking of exports aided in the tobogganing of the dollar, resulting in high prices, a feeling of insecurity bringing about a tendency to grab while the grabbing was good. The survival of the shrewdest.

Having ousted the Russians after they had played their part in the scheme of things, the Chinese want no further part in their aims ... with one exception, only those persons with nothing to lose and all to gain by the propagation of such an aim.

They had gained one thing, and that was, a grudging respect from the Foreigners. One must always keep in mind that the majority of Chinese only see the class of Foreigner who has a well paid job and lives in comfortable surroundings, whereas on the other hand, we see here swarms of poorer classes. They themselves never come in contact with our lower classes except it might be scum from ships, thus have no knowledge of the kindheartedness and ever ready sympathy and help that our people are.

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Having gone through the crucible of war, they emerged as a new people. Those who survived the rigours of F.O.W. and Internment Camps came out with their ideas slightly modified from those of 1941, but during that time the world had gone on. Now to peer into the future.

A lot of wild talk has been expressed by irresponsibles about the recession of Hong Kong. Statements have been made, yet no soul has ever bothered to answer them. Let us approach the matter in a practical manner such as our friends, and the majority proved themselves valuable friends to Europeans, as many can vouch for during the past trying years, will understand and appreciate.

Frist and foremost, we came to China originally to trade. At that time China was ruled by a medieval regime, such as we orelives had ousted from power

eventually succeeded.

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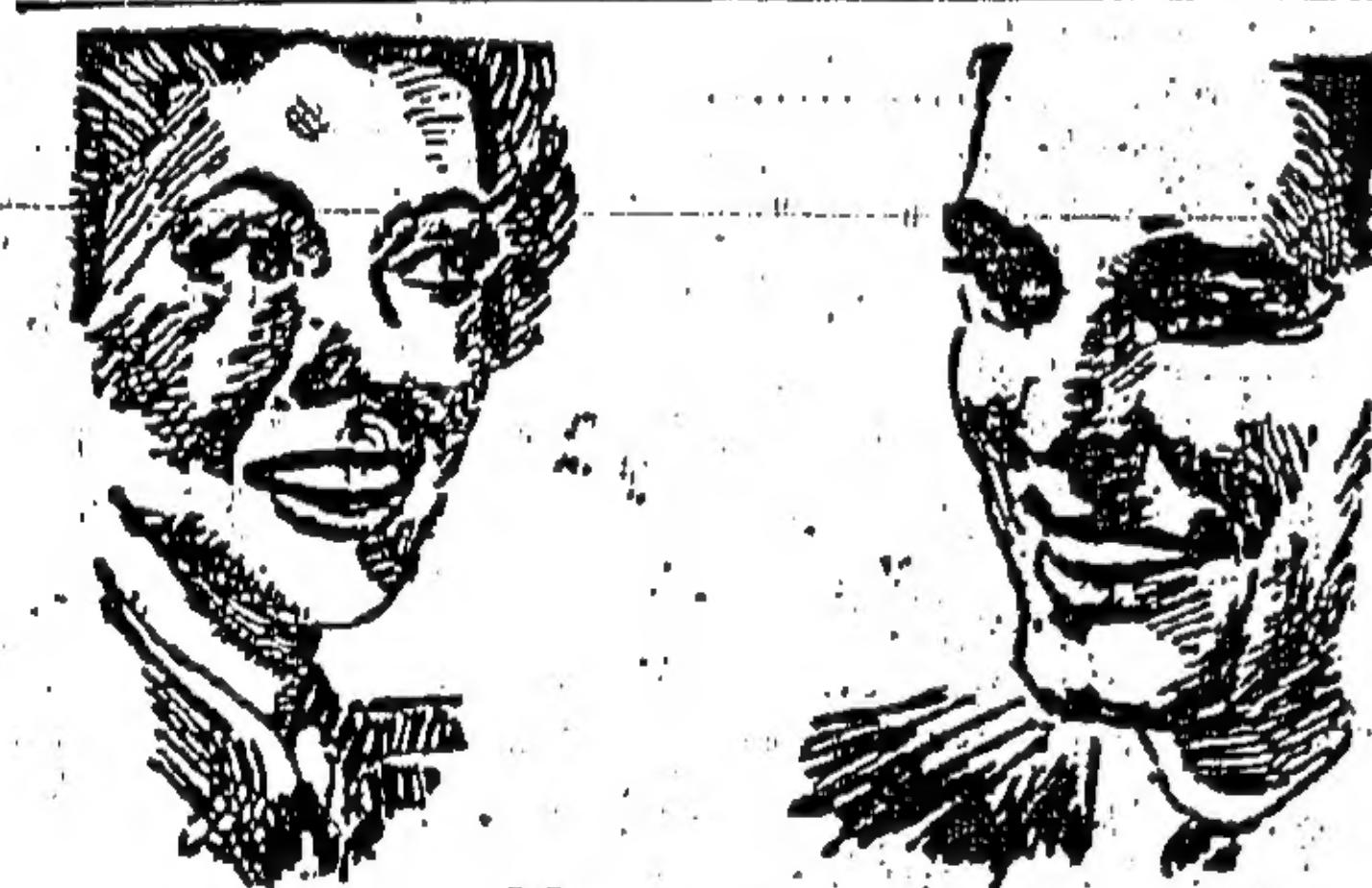
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THE CHINA MAIL, TUESDAY, DECEMBER 31, 1946.

JEWS FLOG BRITISH OFFICER Two Sergeants Whipped Before Tel-Aviv Crowd**A.P. Again Victims Of Hoax**

For the second time this year, a faked Associated Press story was issued on Sunday in an apparent attempt to force currency fluctuations on the Hong Kong money market but was detected before publication.

Typed on paper similar to that used by the Associated Press, the story said terrorists had seized all banks and transportation in Indo-China in a move "evidently inspired by Moscow."

The dispatch was datelined Saigon and was delivered with three other stories which purported to emanate from Warsaw and Washington.

The hoax was detected by four alert Chinese-language newspapers here which became suspicious of the irregular method by which the stories were delivered.

The Associated Press was notified in time to disclaim the forgery and thereby prevent publication.

Police began an investigation.

One theory, not definitely established, was that the scheme was an attempt to induce holders of Indo-Chinese "currency" to convert on the local money market, thus allowing the perpetrators to profit from the resulting trend.

Earlier Fake

On Feb. 11, Chinese currency took its sharpest temporary drop since the end of the war (approximately 25 per cent) when a faked story bearing the Associated Press logo and claiming that the Ministry of Finance had announced the fixing of the Chinese currency at a rate of CN\$2,000 to US\$1 was delivered to leading Chinese newspapers.

Equilibrium was restored on the market several hours later after the false story had been discovered and denounced by the Associated Press.—Associated Press.

Irgun Zvai Leumi Retaliation?

Jerusalem, Dec. 30. A British Army major and two sergeants were flogged by kidnappers in apparent retaliation for a whipping administered by the authorities on Friday to a Jew convicted of bank robbery.

The major was whisked away from his wife in the lounge of Hotel Metropol in Nathanya, 40 miles north of Tel-Aviv. The official announcement said he was blindfolded, tied to a rack and given a 20 stroke whipping.

Two sergeants taken from Armon Hotel on the seafront of Tel-Aviv were tied to trees in the garden and given 18 strokes each in the presence of a small group of onlookers held at bay by Tommy guns.

The Tel-Aviv kidnappers fled after the whippings, leaving the sergeants still tied to the trees.

The major, taken from the hotel in an automobile by five men armed with machineguns, lapsed back an hour later clad only in underwear.

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The fighter was named in the pamphlets as Benjamin Yosef Kimchin, sentenced on Dec. 11 to 18 strokes of the birch and 18 years' imprisonment for his part in the Jaffa bank robbery on Sept. 13.

Kimchin, who is 16 years of age, was told at the trial: "You are lucky your age prevents your being sentenced to death."

He was charged with discharging a firearm and with unlawful possession of firearms, both offences punishable by death under the Palestine Emergency Defence Regulations.—Associated Press and Reuter.

Arms Seized

Jerusalem, Dec. 30. British soldiers of 11 pm. fired at a car containing four Jews who attempted to rush the

Critical Outlook

London, Dec. 30. Will Lawther, president of the National Union of Mineworkers, described as "critical" the immediate outlook for the British coal industry, which is scheduled to pass into public ownership on Wednesday, under the Labour Government's nationalization programme.

The Archbishop of York said the Church of England was undergoing a "grave financial crisis," stemming in part from the nationalization programme.

The Church has substantial undisclosed holdings in Britain's coalmines and railroads. The railroads also are scheduled for nationalisation.

Industrial concerns throughout Britain are reported to be dangerously low in stocks of fuel, which threaten large-scale work stoppages.

Complaints of post-holiday absence by miners in the coal-fields ran as high as 90 per cent in some, and 50 per cent in many.

Some observers are inclined to view the upsurge of absenteeism partly as the miners' last gesture of defiance toward private owners.—Associated Press.

A steady stream of ambulances moved between the drug building and the hospital carrying the firemen. The first of them to enter the building reeled out after a few moments in a dazed condition.

Gas masks were brought into use, but were found to be of little use.—Associated Press.

BENNINGTON, Vermont, Dec. 30. Hugh Robert Wilson, 61, diplomat and the last United States Ambassador to Nazi Germany, died today after an illness of several weeks.

Wilson was appointed Ambassador to Germany in March 1938, and recalled Nov. 4 of the same year, as a United States protest against Nazi persecution of the Jews.

He previously served in a number of foreign posts including Tokyo.—Associated Press.

Dr. A. L. Salazar

Lisbon, Dec. 30.

Dr. Abel Lima Salazar, 57-year-old famed physician, sculptor, painter, writer and art critic and one of Portugal's leading liberal democrats, died today of a lung disease.

He was one of the strongest opponents of Premier Antonio Salazar and had been barred from public positions for political reasons.—Associated Press.

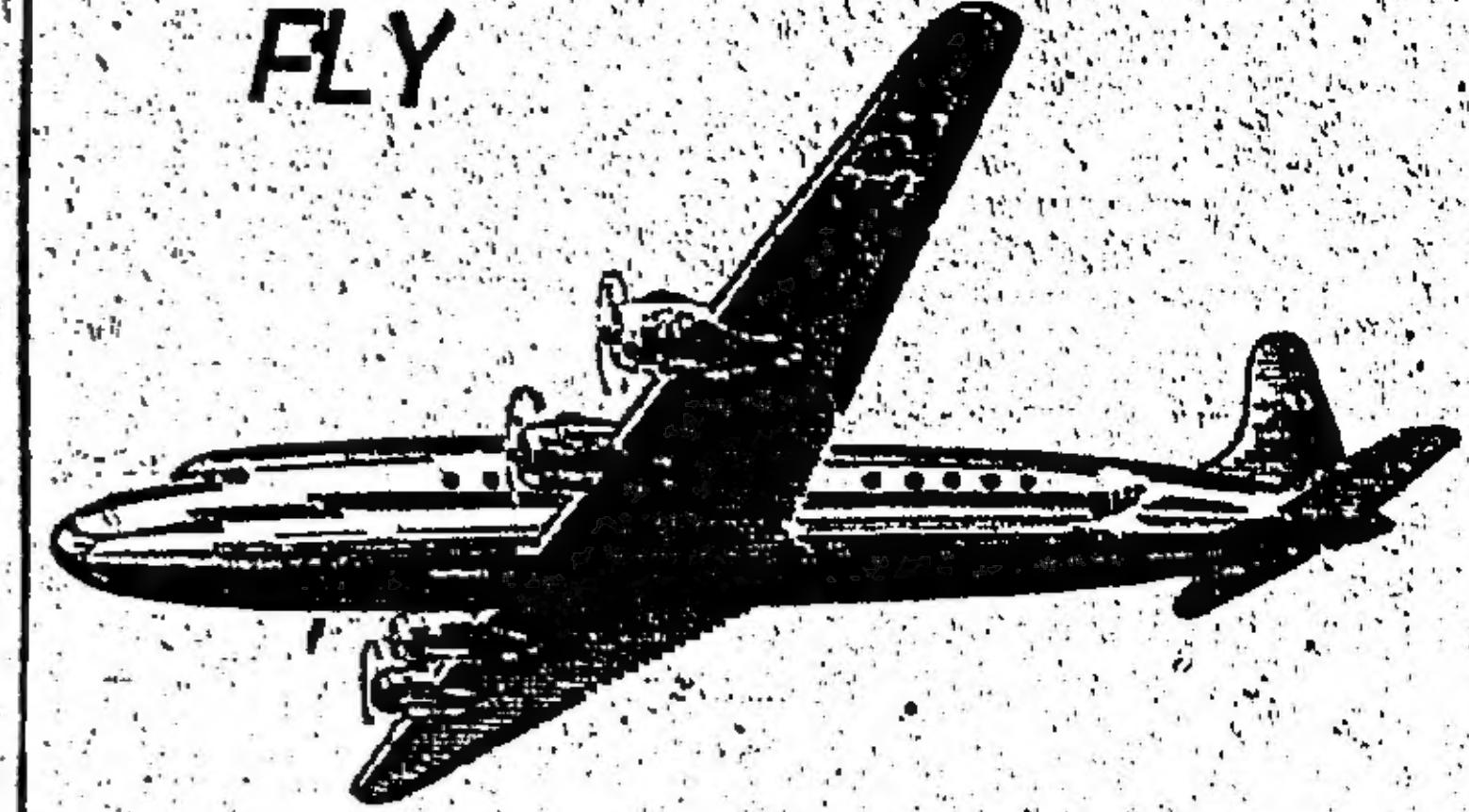
The path of a reformer is strown with the bodies of his victims. Let the Chinese work out their own salvation as they are well able to without interference, so that in doing so they will retain their self-respect and knowledge that whatever their Country becomes, they, by their own united efforts, have so made it. It is by the way, they ask for technical advice and aid, then proffer

FATAL LAST KISS

Cranborne, Dec. 29. While kissing his sweetheart "good-night" in the presence of her parents in a house near here, an ex-soldier was shot through the head and killed.

His sweetheart, 22-year-old Betty Sheen, was wounded in the head, but the wounds were not serious and she was not removed to hospital.

The couple were to have been married on Wednesday. The Dorset police are investigating the shooting on the theory that jealousy was the motive. The name of the ex-soldier has not yet been disclosed.—Reuter.

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thankful for, and to whom are those thanks due, people are so apt to forget easily, and the reminder is timely.

One admires a certainism, but only in the abstract. To live under those conditions would quickly bring disillusionment, and a desire for the better things of life.

We here in Hongkong are fortunate, having escaped the really severe ravages of war. There are ample food stocks, consumer goods in plenty, though certain lines are short. Our currency is stable. All we have to do is to set our own house in order, first study our own conduct, past, present and future, give fair deal to all and a fair wage for a fair day's work. Extravagance, those who worked for the enemy with out regard for their tender susceptibilities, who from some obscure reason are unknown to the public. Let us clean out our own stable before seeking to clean out those of others, and look forward to a bright peaceful future.

that future one of our own making, either by war or improvement, either by war or improved government, then and they only can we look further ahead.

Mutual rearmament will but serve to foster ill-feeling. Let us go hand in hand with our Chinese friends into the future without fear, a future of goodwill and bright prospects, with mutual respect and confidence.

New Year's Day will come upon us. Let us hope the task before us will be completed.

Forget The Past.

The Chinese are our friends.

let us keep them our friends.

They have proven their friendship.

Those who aided the enemy are in the minority. Why be afraid of them? Clean them out and make those who were really patriotic feel that after all their sufferings were not in vain, and that the Collaborators have received the proper fruits of their collaboration. Let us not shield them, bring them out in the light of publicity, that alone would finish them off, and silence those critics that the Chinese have been levelling at us. Which possibly have been ignored in those bitter letters to the press that have appeared from time to time.

Mutual rearmament will but serve to foster ill-feeling. Let us go hand in hand with our Chinese friends into the future without fear, a future of goodwill and bright prospects, with mutual respect and confidence.

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LITTLE TO CELEBRATE IN EUROPE IN 1947

London, Dec. 29.

Europe will celebrate the beginning of a new year either with a high-priced coal market gaiety or with the meagre food, drink and entertainment which is likely to prevail throughout 1947. There is little to celebrate with and little more to celebrate for in most countries. Britain is perhaps better off than others but faces further cuts in electricity and gas consumption and a crisis in coal production which may open the new year with a shutdown of many industries and curtailment of transportation. Frenchmen with black market sizes, pocket books will pay \$16 to \$20 for a bottle of bad champagne and \$15 to \$25 for a meal of oysters, chicken and steak in the traditional "revillon" celebration. But on the same day every one will pay triple fares on subways, buses and trains, and further increases in living are likely to boost 1947 costs by 25 per cent. Poorer French families will eat scanty revillon suppers and embrace under mistletoes at midnight and, perhaps, sing and dance in the streets of the Latin Quarter.

Italy's traditional "capo d'anno" (head of the year) feast of lentils and pig knuckles will be somewhat bare because of the pork scarcity. But Italians will burn mistletoe for good luck, fire guns into the air at midnight to kill the old year and throw away everything that is broken in order to get a fresh start in the new year.

In Germany

In the American zone of Germany, where public health officials say the average ration is just barely adequate to support life, the celebration will consist mainly of traditional dances. Those who can find the ingredients will have burning brandy poured over sugar, but most of the population is worrying over the lack of coal and wood to burn in fireplaces. Prague will hold a double celebration for "Saint Sylvester's" New Year's Eve—and the beginning of a two-year plan which most Czechoslovakians believe will bring economic recovery to the country. Holland will eat and drink

IMPORTS INTO U.K.

Washington, Dec. 29.

Damask table linens, cotton prints and other cloth and semi-aluminum processed articles were among 22 items added to the list of commodities which may be imported into the United Kingdom from the United States in token quantities under an agreement between the British and American Governments.

According to the Department of Commerce, this makes a total of 187 items of American manufacture which may enter the United Kingdom annually in an amount not to exceed 20 per cent of the value of average shipments to the United Kingdom during the period of 1936 to 1938.—Reuter.

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Russia," he said.

The hope was, however, that

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GROMYKO'S APPOINTMENT

Moscow, Dec. 29.

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present permanent Soviet de-

legate to the United Nations

Security Council, was today

appointed Deputy Foreign

Minister by the Soviet Com-

mittee of Ministers.

With this appointment, the

Soviet Union now has five

Deputy Foreign Ministers,

the other four being Mr.

Andrei Vyshinsky, Mr. Ryeko

Gusev (former Russian Ambas-

sador in London), Mr.

Takao Matsumoto and Mr. Vlad-

imir Dejanovski.—Reuter.

Army-Navy Merger Showdown

Washington, Dec. 29.

The long and bitterly debated U.S. Army-Navy merger issue is headed toward an early congressional showdown. Some senators are preparing legislation to unify the armed services; others are promising a last ditch fight against any effort to push the merger bills through Congress.

Both sides believed that the key man in the year-old dispute may be Senator Chas Gurney, who is to head the newly created Senate Armed Services Committee.

Supporters of unification intend to ask Gurney to join in sponsoring the new bill. Opponents said they plan to ask the new chairman to order extended hearings on the merger issue.

Meanwhile there are reports that Secretary of Navy James Forrestal may be appointed to a high diplomatic post, possibly as Ambassador to Britain. If that happened it would eliminate from the capital seer's one of the most powerful foes of services unification.—United Press.

ICE-BREAKERS ON THE ELBE

London, Dec. 29.

Ten ice-breakers are operating on the Elbe in a day and night battle to break the firm ice cover on the river's upper reaches before the new frost period increases the danger of breached dykes and flooding, Leipzig radio reported today. Floating ice on the Lower Elbe was drifting towards the sea but on the Upper Elbe solid ice had formed.—Reuter.

Temptation May Be Little Too Great

Oxford, Dec. 29.

Practically never in history had any nation had the clear prospect of becoming mistress of Europe and been able to resist the temptation, Greek scholar, Professor Gilbert Murray, in a speech here today.

Great Britain, because Great Britain is the only power which would be a real obstacle to the gradual extension of Russian power over Europe."

"I think that is probably why propaganda concentrates on

Russia," he said.

The hope was, however, that Russian policy, which had always been rather uncoordinated and still was under the present dictatorship, would develop along lines of influences in Russia which were more in favour of peace and reader for international cooperation.

One of the disquieting things about the world, Professor Murray stated, was that the prestige of the nations of Christendom had gone down.

"You have various Asiatic nations strongly armed.... You have Russia immensely strongly armed. And you have Great Britain, very typical, an important nation apparently in retreat and leaving the impression of weakness," he said.

"It is not the right impression, but to the casual outsider Great Britain seems to be retreating from India and Egypt, utterly embarrassed in Palestine and frightened of Russia. There is a general impression that white civilisation has gone down."—Reuter.

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Windsor House**Prospects Of U.S. Loan To Hitler's Experts In Russia "Very Remote"**

(By Sydney Gampell)

London, Dec. 28.

Unless and until the passion to get rid of agricultural gluts over-rides all other political and economic factors involved, the United States presumably will not make a large loan to Russia—a Russian expert of the United States Department of Commerce has described the prospects of a loan "very remote."

Such agricultural gluts seem pretty certain to occur before the United States Government's present agricultural support programme expires in the summer of 1950 and may well occur before the end of 1947.

Prior to the holiday, conditions were quite comfortable, despite the large amount of Treasury bills to be taken up and clearing banks were moderate buyers for February and March bills.

When the market reopened on Friday, there was a large turnover but credit supplies proved ample for all needs at the customary half per cent while banks again showed good appetite for March bills.

For Lombard Street, the current year, has been a memorable one, because it has seen by far the most rapid expansion in resources of the discount market in all its long history. During 1943, there have been nine discount market issues, increasing the known capital resources of houses concerned to nearly £21,000,000. Finally, the year ends with the formation of a new company—Clive Discount Company—with an initial capital of £500,000.

None To Burn

Préwar, when there were similar big stories about Russia's gold exports and their prospective big enlargement, one remarked that Russian gold imports reaching London were obviously cast in Tzarist moulds and it seemed strange that a country which had reputedly expanded its gold output could not afford a few new moulds in which to cast it.

The way in which Russia has been pressing exports of silver and platinum scarcely suggests that Russia has gold to burn.

Buying a huge loan or huge Russian gold exports (the former seems less improbable than the latter) Soviet Russia's peacetime purchases from the United States will continue to be limited by the same factor which has limited them hitherto, the smallness of United States' purchases from Russia—the paucity of Russian exports of things which the United States needs. Préwar, United States takings from Russia were around \$10,000,000 annually and in 1946 around \$100,000.

Not Important

Before Lend-Lease record United States exports to Russia were in 1941 \$108,000,000. This year they are likely to be between \$300,000,000 and \$400,000,000 of which, however, only about \$50,000,000 are "cash exports."

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He said substantial progress had been made with export and import trade, with export sales totalling over US\$2,000,000. However, he added, activity was hampered and slowed down, by the coal shortage and inadequate transportation.—United Press.

Loan To Germany?

Berlin, Dec. 29.

The United States Military Governor, General Joseph McNamire, announced that the United States Reconstruction Finance Corporation was prepared to extend a multi-million dollar loan to the combined British and American zones in an effort to revive Germany's export and import trade.

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Jap. Silk Move

Tokyo, Dec. 29.

The Asahi said Government has decided to see Diet approval to ban all private transactions in raw silk in a legislative move which, if the Diet approves the "Government's silk control bill" during the present session which resumes in late January, will nationalise the nation's number one export item.

The bill reportedly extends to silk the same Government management at present extended to rice and wheat growing farmers and would make it illegal for sericulturists to sell their products to any private firm.

Under the measure Government silk officials would be empowered to regulate prices, build stockpiles and channel compulsorily bought raw silk into designated processing plants. —United Press.

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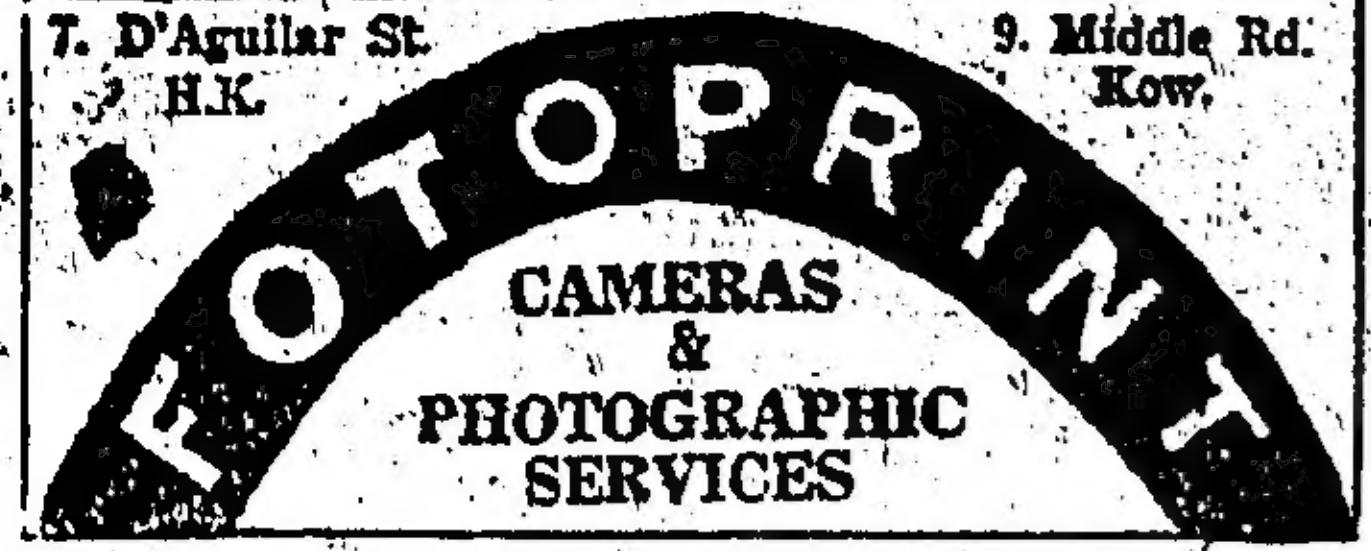
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CHINA MAIL

HONG KONG, TUESDAY, DECEMBER 31, 1946.

Argyle Find May Be A Second Walden

(By Harry J. Ditton)

True romance in football is not to be found by visiting clubs which can afford to flourish £13,000 cheques. You stumble across it at the least expected moments in the least expected places.

Plymouth Argyle, for instance, have during the past week added to their professionals a wisp of a lad who, Manager Jack Tresadern thinks, is so good he may become as famous as the one and only Fanny Walden.

Before the war little Reg Tregaskis used to attend all Argyle's home matches, and dream of the day when he might wear the famous green jersey of Plymouth.

Then came the war, and although Reg was under age he volunteered and shortly after D-Day found himself in Normandy.

His battery was blown up at Caen by a German mortar, and he was left for dead. For days he was blind, and he was so shaken in body that he had an early release from the Army.

To use his own words, he was "mad on football," but everybody said he was too small, until one day an Argyle supporter told Tresadern about him.

He played in a game or two for the "A" team, and though he had not then the strength to centre a ball, Tresadern saw his possibilities and employed him on the ground.

Recently Argyle had four outside-lefts on the injured list, and Tregaskis was pulled in to play in the position in a Combination match against Birmingham. He was a sensation.

He played another game against Southend, and again did him justice.

Now at 20, he has become an Argyle professional, although he still works on the ground, and his school-boy dreams have come true.

Another Kelly?

At nearby Exeter, Manager George Roughton also believes that the gods who preside over clubs have found for him an inside-forward who is destined to be the talk of the football world.

During the war Blood, the Exeter back, was attached to the R.A.F. at Hereford, and was greatly impressed with the wizardry of a strippling named Glyn Vaughan, playing at inside-right.

Blood passed word on to Roughton, who decided to bring Vaughan to St. James's Park for a trial.

When he first saw Vaughan, Roughton had a shock. The boy turned the scales at just over 8st.

Although believing in his heart he could make little of such a feather-weight, the City manager, nevertheless, gave the boy a game, and immediately afterwards signed him on professional forms.

"Nah," says Roughton, "Exeter City may be nursing a true successor to Bob Kelly. There is no doubt he is an absolutely natural inside-forward. Kelly could hardly have been better when he first signed for Burnley."

No one will ever be able to say Millwall were squeakers or made excuses for themselves.

Elated almost out of existence, and then, finding themselves keeping company with Newport when in different circumstances, they might have been challenging Newcastle, they have taken it all with grand sportsmanship.

Indeed, Jack Cock is one of the most cheerful managers I have met for many weeks."

"We are round the corner, and we shall win more points than we shall lose," he told me, "and we might even be better than that if we have the luck to find a really good centre-forward."

Were ever centre-forwards at such a premium?

A recent find is Jack Elliott, an inside-right from Woking, who has signed professional forms.

He is a wonderful boy, certainly one of the high spots," says Cock.

Other good news from Millwall is that a brilliant improvement being shown by the local boy Roy Mansfield (inside-left), who is now an established first teamer, and the return to

M.C.C.'s Hurricane Batting

Bendigo, Victoria, Dec. 30.

The M.C.C. gave a pleasing batting exhibition in a one-day match against a Bendigo country side, whom they beat by seven wickets today.

After dismissing Bendigo for 166, the M.C.C. scored 158 for three and then continued batting until they reached 200 for four.

Peter Smith was the most successful M.C.C. bowler with six for 43 against the country bat-

ting, which was stubborn throughout the rest.

He went to Scotland, and two reserve team players took his eye. He made an offer of £3,000 for them.

The reply he got was: "Double it, and then we will consider whether we will let you have one of the two."

No wonder Irwin said: "They talk in thousands in the football world today as though we were all millionaires."

If reasonable transfer fees could have checked the Palace slump in the early stages Irwin would have been in the market. Even now he is ready to try to solve a forward problem by buying.

But it is apparent the Palace have missed the promotion boat, and the club's chief hope of improvement rests on quick release from military service of certain players.

Among them are Mick Gregory and Geoff Calvers, who played for the English schoolboys against Scotland in 1939 (both full-backs). Derek Jakeman, an inside-forward of high promise, and Peter Hillyard, centre-half.

I shall probably find in the long run, if their football ability has developed normally," says Irwin, "that these lads are better assets to the club than me. I could buy in the transfer market."

Another Irwin hope is that Kurz, whose sharpshooting won so many matches last season, will come back to his true form now

Total (for four) — Reuter.

M.C.C.

P.A. Gibb, stamped Smith, b

Burchall 49

L. Fishlock, b Phylan 41

W.J. Edrich, b Knith 62

W.R. Hammond, c Nuthall 29

b Harris 9

J. Langridge, c Gibb, b Smith 30

Burchall, c Ikin, b Smith 1

A. Smith, not out 7

Extras 10

Total 156

Reasons For Hope In Germany

Hamburg, Dec. 29.

There are "some reasons for hope" for Germany, said Dr. Hans Schlaege Schoeningen, Secretary for Food and Agriculture in the British zone, in a New Year's message tonight.

"The man who was flogged has done much to improve relations between Jews and the military. It is distressing that such a thing happened in Nathanyi. I regard

this as a stain on the good name of my township."

It is believed the Irgunists used

stolen cars in seizing the British

soldiers since three private cars

were stolen in Tel-Aviv early on

Sunday, and two cars were

promptly returned after the flogging while the owner of the third

car was told where the auto could be found.

Meanwhile, a Jewish policeman

in Tel-Aviv is missing and it is

believed he was kidnapped for

the Stern Gang "people's court"

which punishes Jews con-

sidered "disloyal" to the Zionist cause.—United Press.

It was the tenth time in Davis Cup history, which reaches back to 1902, that one team has won every match; the first time it was done since Britain defeated the Americans by the same score in 1935. Also it was the fifth time American players blanketed an opposition in the finals of the competition.

"Let us not then repeat the folly of 1933 when despair made us turn to Hitler. Such a folly would merely complete the ruin and downfall of Germany," Dr. Schlaege Schoeningen, who is a member of the Akarri Land-

volk Party, added.—Reuter.

It was announced by the Executive Committee of the Indian Hockey Federation, which met here today.—Reuter.

Mrs. G. White, who was in the chair, paid tribute to Mr. Jarvis and Mr. J. F. Marshall, of the Hong Kong and Shanghai Bank, for their efforts on behalf of the Club since the war.

Mrs. White added:

"Preliminary investigations have

shown that in order to bring the sand courts into use and to build a small clubhouse a capital ex-

pense of approximately

£50,000 will be necessary. The Club's assets are approximately

£5,000. We are, however, in

the opinion that the Hong Kong &

Shanghai Bank would be prepared to advance the necessary

amount at five per cent."

A notice has already been in

circulation in the Press calling on all

members present in the Colony

to notify the Hon. Treasurer of

their desire to continue mem-

bership, and a proposal that any

member not comprising the

request by Jan. 31, 1947, considered

as having resigned."

The meeting elected Member

Dibby, Farin, Prophet, Edwards,

and Sinclair, Walden, and John

Yardley to serve on the Club's Com-

mittee.

ENGLISH TEST TEAM

Melbourne, Dec. 30.

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